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Dear Dr. Bernstein:

I was, naturally, greatly disappointed to receive your letter of the 19th-- I had rather counted on your helping us to continue our Salmonella transduction work, and to extend it to the other somatic groups. However, I appreciate that your coming for two years would be a momentous step, and that you must consult your own interests about it.

From your letter, I would infer that the considerations are not entirely financial. Would it help if I could guarantee a stipend for you of \$250 per month to start, and a likely increase to \$300 for the second year? I had hoped to be able to manage this, but our budget was not settled to the point where I could make such a commitment, as I think I can now. I am sure you would have no difficulty, at this level, in recouping your travel expense, and accumulating further savings as well, though I cannot of course make any comparisons with your local prospects.

I do not intend to press you unduly as to your motives in this volte-face. I do want to be sure that you are ~~adequately~~ acquainted with every favorable aspect.

We are about to leave on a vacation trip for California, though some of my mail will be forwarded. We will be back about the 26th of August.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg